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In re Application of:

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For: A MEDICAL STENT WITH A  
VALVE AND RELATED METHODS  
OF MANUFACTURING

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) Group Art Unit: 3738

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) Examiner: B.E. Snow  
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 20, 2003, the Examiner required  
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - claims 1-30, drawn to a method of manufacturing a stent; and  
Group II - claims 31-53, drawn to a stent.

In addition, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly  
distinct species:

Species 1 - Figure 1A;  
Species 2 - Figure 1B;  
Species 3 - Figure 3A;  
Species 4 - Figure 3B;  
Species 5 - Figure 3C;  
Species 6 - Figure 3D;  
Species 7 - Figure 5; and  
Species 8 - Figure 6.

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Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's apparent characterizations concerning various exemplary embodiments, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II (i.e., claims 31-53) for the first restriction requirement and Species 1 and 3 (i.e., Figures 1A and 3A) for the second restriction requirement. With respect to the second restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully notes that alleged Species 1 of Fig. 1A and alleged Species 3 of Fig. 3A are drawn to the same embodiment. Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 31-39 are readable on elected Group II and Species 1 and 3.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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